



# Lunenburg Public Schools

**Loxi Jo Calmes**  
*Superintendent of Schools*

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING  
Wednesday, January 19, 2011  
Brooks House – 7:00 p.m.  
Minutes

School Committee

David Reif, Chair  
Jason Poitras  
Colleen Shapiro – arrived at 7:09 p.m.  
Donna White  
Gregory Berthiaume – absent

Superintendent

Loxi Jo Calmes

Recording Secretary

Mary Landi

Student Representative

Heidi Giancola

Guests

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\* Call to Order – Dr. Reif called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

\* Chairman's Report

\* Review and Approve Minutes

- December 1, 2010 Executive Session Minutes – Approved by Dr. Reif.
- January 5, 2011 Regular Session Minutes – Approved by Dr. Reif.
- January 5, 2011 Executive Session Minutes – Approved by Dr. Reif.

\* Review and Approve Warrants

\* Superintendent's Report

- Superintendent Calmes thanked Mr. Londa and his department, as well as the DPW, for working diligently so we are prepared to open when it is safe for everyone to get to school. The extended day program remained open yesterday. Last week it was closed due to the state of emergency declared by the Governor.
- Preschool registration is taking place through January 21. A lottery will be held at the conclusion of the registration period if needed. There will be an early childhood informational presentation tomorrow evening at the Primary School.
- The 6<sup>th</sup> grade band recital will be at 7:00 p.m. at Turkey Hill Middle School tomorrow evening.
- THMS is participating in the Jr. Great Books Model School program. Consultants were at the school last week; the feedback was extremely complimentary.
- We are in the finalist phase for the AP grant, which provides teacher training and supports for students. Teachers and students receive rewards based on performance. The goal is to increase enrollment in AP classes by 50 percent per class the first year.
- We continue to work with the Parks and Recreation Department in developing a Memorandum of Agreement for the track and field and the other shared spaces we have. This will define who is responsible for what and the policies and procedures that guide the operation and maintenance of those spaces. The last payment for the lease of the artificial turf on the field is due in 2012. Replacement will need to happen at 15 years. We are getting closer to having everything in place for the agreement.
- The Technology Vision aims to improve efficiencies. The superintendent reviewed the vision statement and outlined specifics that are encompassed within it.
- We received the Race to the Top Grant. Information will be posted on the website; input from the community is appreciated.
- We received a letter from the Nashoba Boards of Health expressing their appreciation of the use of our schools for the flu clinics. They also recognized the work of Sue Glenny, Nursing Coordinator, and all the school nurses in this effort.

\* Student Report – Dr. Reif welcomed Heidi Giancola.

- Following up on the superintendent's report on the technology vision, Ms. Giancola stated that she uses online textbook at home, and she thinks it would be a good idea to have more of them. The hard copy textbook could stay in the classroom so the schools would not need as many. Class plays are going on. Freshmen speeches are going on in classrooms.
- Practice on the class plays is ongoing.
- There are lots of fundraisers going on. Yankee Candle sales just finished up. A decision has not been made yet around what the money will be used for. Data Match sales started today; for \$1.00 you can find out who your best match is for either dating or friendship. A popcorn sales fundraiser is also going on right now. There is discussion about a Valentine's Day theme fundraiser, possibly tasting different treats made by teachers. Students are working on putting informational messages on a tracker in the cafeteria.
- Massachusetts Association of Student Councils is not taking place this year. Not enough students signed up.

\* Public Comment – Mr. David Matthews stated that a coach from one of the basketball travel teams attended the Select Board meeting recently and expressed his frustration around not getting enough practice time in the gym at the schools.

\* New Business

- a. Donation – Box Tops for Education – The Primary School received a check for \$106 from Box Tops for Education. Superintendent Calmes recommended acceptance of the donation, which would go into the gift fund. TCP has received \$591 to date. Ms. Shapiro moved and Mr. Poitras seconded a motion to approve the superintendent's recommendation. Vote: unanimous.

\* Old Business

- a. Action – Pre-school Tuition Rates – Superintendent Calmes recommended the following annual pre-school tuition rates (paid in advance quarterly) for FY12-FY14:

<u>FY</u>	<u>2 days/wk - 71 days</u>	<u>3 days/wk - 103 days</u>
2011	\$1,242.50	\$1,802.50
2012	\$1,260.00	\$1,828.00
2013	\$1,278.00	\$1,854.00
2014	\$1,296.00	\$1,880.00

Mr. Poitras moved and Ms. Shapiro seconded a motion to accept the Superintendent's recommendation. Vote: unanimous.

\* Public Comment

\* Reports

- a. Advisory Committee
- b. Finance Committee
- c. School Councils – Ms. Shapiro reported on the Primary School Council meeting. There is a concern around the handicap parking spaces being inaccessible at pick-up time. Ms. Bonci will have Mr. Londa look at the issue. Mr. Poitras suggested that perhaps having a traffic officer at the site when a change is implemented would help.
- d. PTO
- e. Policy Sub-Committee
- f. Capital Planning Committee
- g. Health Advisory Committee – Superintendent Calmes reported they met today. Parents of PACSAL contacted the Health Advisory Committee looking for ideas on presentations. Sue Glenny suggested the Think Ahead Program from the Brian Injury Association of Massachusetts. Teachers instruct students at the elementary school. Bike safety and distributing helmets is the focus at the primary school. At the middle school pedestrian and car safety are discussed and they also start to look at alcohol use. At the high school alcohol and drugs are the focus. There will also be a speaker. Dates are April 13 and 14.

- h. PAC/SAL
- i. Regional Planning Committee
- j. Rep. Benson's Advisory
- l. Other

\* Continuing Projects/Estimated Date of Completion

\* Items for Future Discussion

- Workshop Sessions
- Facilities Use Procedure
- Civic Engagement

\* Executive Session – At 7:48 p.m. Ms. Shapiro moved and Mr. Poitras seconded a motion to enter into executive session, not to return to regular session, for the purpose of a discussion related to collective bargaining strategies. Vote: unanimous.

Roll Call

Dr. Reif – yes

Mr. Poitras – yes

Ms. Shapiro – yes

Ms. White – yes

Dr. Berthiaume – absent

\* Adjournment - At 8:21 p.m. Mr. Poitras moved and Ms. White seconded a motion to adjourn. Vote: unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Landi  
Recording Secretary

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